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The government has missed another chance to protect its people and business (especially small and medium sized companies) from unfair practices used by Microsoft since the 1980's.

For instance, their operating system updates/upgrades over the years have rarely added added value to their product upgrades. Much of their upgrades have been software fixes from the previous versions with little to offer except cosmetic changes.

For example, their only major change (from Windows 3.1 to Windows 93) was to take the Apple Macintosh GUI system and use it as an upgrade of their OS. This company rarely innovates. It prefers to buy, if not outright copy software, from its competitors and call it its own. It pressures companies to do join their effort or be stamped out. It muscle computer hardware companies not to use any other operating system unless, it lose its license or a cut in the price of the Microsoft's OS.

The remedies recommended by the government at this time do not do enough to change Microsoft's way of doing its anti competitive business practices.

Please do the right thing for the majority of people in this nation.....Take a stronger stand against what Microsoft has done and will continue to do.

Thanks, Oscar Vela